



July U.S. Sheep and Lamb Inventory

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All Sheep and Lamb Inventory Down 2 Percent

United States:

All sheep and lamb inventory in the United States on July 1, 2010, totaled 6.90 million head, down 2 percent from July 1, 2009. Breeding sheep inventory at 4.16 million head on July 1, 2010, was down 3 percent from July 1, 2009.

Market sheep and lambs (including newborn lambs), on July 1, 2010, totaled 2.74 million head and were down 1 percent from last July. Market lamb inventory at 2.65 million head was comprised of 1.58 million lambs under 65 pounds, 550,000 lambs 65-84 pounds, 285,000 lambs 85-105 pounds, and 235,000 lambs over 105 pounds. Market sheep inventory was 90,000 head.

The 2010 lamb crop is expected to total 3.60 million head, down 2 percent from the 2009 lamb crop of 3.69 million head.

Sheep and Lambs: Numbers by Class, United States, July 1, 2009-2010

Class	United States		
	2009	2010	2010 as Percent of 2009
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
All Sheep & Lambs	7,050	6,900	98
Breeding Sheep	4,280	4,160	97
Ewes 1 Year +	3,470	3,365	97
Rams 1 Year +	180	175	97
Replacement Lambs	630	620	98
Market Sheep & Lambs	2,770	2,740	99
Market Sheep 1 Year +	80	90	113
Market Lambs	2,690	2,650	99
Lambs Under 65 Lbs.	1,600	1,580	99
Lambs 65-84 Lbs.	560	550	98
Lambs 85-105 Lbs.	290	285	98
Lambs over 105 Lbs.	240	235	98
Lamb Crop ¹	3,690	3,600	98

¹ Lamb crop: Lambs born in the Eastern States plus lambs docked or branded in the Western States.